



REPORT TO SENIORS

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2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA

LOWER THE TAX BURDEN FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

- Phase out the state property tax levy to help homeowners and renters.
- Provide a sales-tax holiday on school clothes purchases for families prior to each new school year.
- Create tax incentives that encourage employers to provide child care for their employees.
- Require any future tax increase imposed by government be approved by voters at the next general election to protect all taxpayers.

ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- Petition the President and Congress to reform Medicare and include prescription drug coverage for low-income seniors.
- In the meantime, provide state assistance to low-income seniors from the tobacco settlement fund.
- Improve the quality of care in long-term health care settings by providing competitive and attractive wages to care providers.

IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LONG-TERM CARE FOR SENIORS AND THE MEDICALLY FRAGILE

- Fast-food restaurant workers are paid more than some of the people who provide life-sustaining care for our loved ones.

- Competitive, attractive wages for care givers will mean higher-quality care in long-term health care settings and reduce the high turnover rate.

ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY - GENERATING FACILITIES AS WELL AS ENERGY CONSERVATION

- Eliminate the sales tax on building materials used in the construction of new generation facilities of all kinds.
- Provide a sales tax exemption on certain energy efficient home products like insulated doors and windows.

GIVE LANDOWNERS MORE CONTROL OVER THEIR PROPERTY

- Make the Growth Management Act and land-use restrictions more flexible so land owners, especially farm owners, have more choices for developing or splitting their property.

MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE CITIZEN - CENTERED AND ACCOUNTABLE

- Require rules adopted by state agencies that invoke the force of law be approved by the Legislature prior to permanent implementation.
- Increase technical assistance to help citizens understand and abide by government regulations.



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TELL ME WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

Please rank the following issues on a scale of one to five, with one being very important and five being not important to you. If you'd like more information on the progress of issues that are important to you, please provide an address or e-mail address, and I'll be glad to keep you informed.

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| _____ Taxes and spending | _____ Growth Management Act | _____ Preventing crime/Public safety |
| _____ Property taxes | _____ Long-term care | _____ Controlling energy costs |
| _____ Prescription drug costs | _____ Limiting state regulations | _____ Other _____ |

Comments _____

☐ Please send me more information on the issues that I've indicated are more important to me:

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Dear friends,

As a state and a nation, we owe an immense debt of gratitude to today’s seniors. You are part of what has been called “the greatest generation” – the hard-working veterans and spouses of the WWI, WWII and Korean War eras who helped Washington and America achieve prosperity over the years.

You may have heard that our governor is proposing cuts in spending that would reduce services for senior citizens and others who need government’s help most. I want to promise you, however, that I and the rest of the 49 Republicans in the House of Representatives will do everything we can to protect and improve the services seniors deserve and have come to expect from their state government.

To better represent you, I would like to get your opinions on the issues that are of particular importance to you. Please take the time to complete the attached survey card and return it to me. Together, we can make meaningful improvements in the way government serves you.

Thank you again for the privilege of representing you.

Sincerely,

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